

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Frank,

Thanks so much for your invitation to speak at the Amherst Alumni Association luncheon during the week of 21 January. Much as I would enjoy getting together with all of you, I'm afraid I will just be unable to make any commitments, however tentative, for the foreseeable future because of an already too full schedule and the continuing situation in Iran.

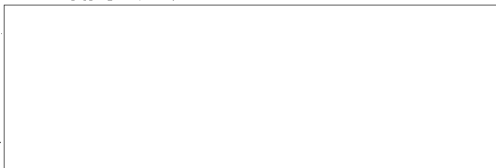
Again, thanks for thinking of me and all the best for a most successful luncheon.

Yours,



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Mr. Frank S. Gordon



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